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The Honorable Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re. R J Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc - Construction and Operation  
Exemption - Clearfield County, PA - Finance Docket No. 35116

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

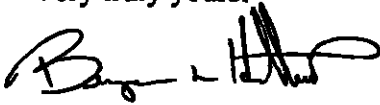
My name is Benjamin W. Hulburt and I am President and CEO of Rex Energy Corporation. I last wrote to you on June 30, 2008 in support of the construction and operation exemption in the above captioned matter. The purpose of this letter is to provide further information to the Board in connection with its environmental assessment of this application. I have been advised by the railroad that a question has arisen regarding the amount of rail traffic which might ultimately be handled by this line. As you are aware from my prior correspondence, we are involved in natural gas drilling operations throughout central and southwestern Pennsylvania. Those activities involve transportation of equipment, drilling pipe, and related materials. It also involves the movement and treatment of significant quantities of water used in the gas extraction process.

The development of the Marcellus Shale natural gas field in Pennsylvania has generated substantial business for our company and has created an expanding new industry for our state. To date, it is estimated that oil and gas companies exploring for the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania have invested over \$4 billion in the state and this activity and investment is expected to increase in the coming years. Rex Energy is actively drilling natural gas wells throughout the state and has assembled a sizeable holding of mineral rights in central Pennsylvania. We anticipate drilling activity in the central Pennsylvania area to increase in 2009 and beyond. Additionally have filed permits with the state DEP and intend to build a wastewater treatment facility in immediate vicinity of the proposed rail line. It is our hope that the proposed rail line will be available to serve our transportation needs for this facility and our drilling activity in the area. While it is difficult to predict with certainty our future transportation requirements, we anticipate that within the foreseeable future we could potentially be shipping and receiving approximately 250 to 300 carloads per month using the rail line which the STB is currently evaluating.

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Natural gas is a clean, environmentally friendly fuel which has multiple uses and can contribute substantially to lessening our dependence on foreign energy sources. Accordingly, we strongly support construction of the new rail line here in central Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben W. Hulburt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Benjamin W. Hulburt  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Rex Energy Corporation

xc RJ Corman Railroad Company/Pennsylvania Lines, Inc